(ii) Deployment of Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) at all operational airports in a timebound manner;

(iii) Deployment of Quick Reaction Teams at major airports; and

(iv) Strict access control and screening of passengers and their baggage, including at ladder point.

(c) and (d) Action is in hand for working out the details of a new Civil Aviation Security Act.

Misutilization of complimentary passes

907. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have freezed all the complimentary passes issued by Government Airlines;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these passes have been misutilized by these beneficiaries;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken for the recovery of the amount causing loss to Government exchequer?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) Both, Air India and Indian Airlines have stopped issuing complimentary passes. This is, however, not applicable to the normal sales promotion schemes etc. of Air India and Indian Airlines.

(b) No such instances of misutilization have come to the notice of the Government.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Handling of airport security by CISF

908. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in 'Times of India' dated 18th September, 2001, captioned "CISF ill-equipped to handle airport security", and

(b) if so, what is Government's response thereto and what corrective steps have been taken or Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There is regular coordination between CISF headquarters and Airports Authority of India headquarters to address the issues related to CISF induction and functioning at the airports. AAI is providing all logistics support to CISF as per the norms of Ministry of Home Affairs agreed to by Ministry of Civil Aviation. Requisition for small weapons, long-range weapons and 301 walkie-talkie sets with base sets have been received, and action for procurement is in hand.

Unserviceable small aircrafts

†909. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the small aircrafts are being cleared for flying despite being unserviceable, old and defective;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that an aircraft which met with and accident was cleared for flying recently; and

(c) the steps Government are contemplating to check the air worthiness of such planes to prevent accidents?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) No, Sir. Small aircraft are cleared for operation of services only after compliance with laid down maintenance requirements and having valid Certificate of Airworthiness. These aircraft are safe, serviceable and maintained in an airworthy condition. Whenever aircraft have defect/damage, they are rectified/repaired before they are allowed to fly.

(b) The king Air C-90 aircraft VT-EFF which met with an accident on 30th September, 2001 had undergone the approved Phase-II

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